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SUBJECT: TASS STORY ON MICROWAVES

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1. OUTRAGEOUS TASS STORY ON MICROWAVES (REFTEL), WHICH CHARACTERIZES PRESS REPORTS ON MICROWAVE SIGNALS DIRECTED AT EMBASSY AS "MACRO-INVENSIONS," PROVIDES CONVENIENT PEG FOR SECRETARY'S RAISING THIS PERSISTENT ISSUE WITH DOBRYNIN AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

2. I SUGGEST THAT SECRETARY'S COMMENT BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. THE FACT THAT TWO MICROWAVE SIGNALS IN THE MEGA-HERTZ RANGE ARE DIRECTED AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BEYOND A SHADOW OF DOUBT AND THE FACTS CONVEYED TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

B. GIVEN THE LACK OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE EFFECTS ON HUMAN BEINGS ON LONG-TERM EXPOSURES TO LOW-LEVEL MICROWAVE RADIATION, IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS THESE SIGNALS MAY HAVE ON THE HEALTH OF OUR EMPLOYEES IN MOSCOW.

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C. IN ITS MISSTATEMENTS AND TOTALLY UNWARRANTED ACCUSATIONS, THE FEB 22 TASS STORY IS A PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE EFFORT TO TURN FACTS ON THEIR HEAD.

D. MUCH MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS THE CONTINUATION OF A SITUATION WHICH HAS NOW PERSISTED FOR MORE

THAN A YEAR AFTER THE MATTER WAS CALLED TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S ATTENTION BY PRESIDENT FORD, WHO URGENTLY REQUESTED TERMINATION OF THE TRANSMISSIONS IN DECEMBER 1975.

E. THESE SIGNALS REPRESENT AN UNWARRANTED AND ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE VIOLATION OF THE IMMUNITY OF OUR DIPLOMATIC PREMISES IN MOSCOW. THEY MUST BE TERMINATED SINCE THEIR FURTHER CONTINUATION WILL ERODE THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR FULLY NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

3. I SHALL BE SUBMITTING SHORTLY MORE DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION ON THIS MATTER BUT BELIEVE THAT THE TASS FABRICATION PROVIDES A BASIS FOR BRINGING IT UP WITH DOBRYNIN AT THIS TIME.
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